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UPDATE: One dead in head-on crash on National Trails Highway in Helendale

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A heavily damaged pickup truck is seen following a fatal crash on National Trails Highway in Helendale on Tuesday afternoon. One person was dead at the scene, according to firefighters. Photo courtesy of the San Bernardino County Fire Department

HELENDALE — One person died in a head-on collision on National Trails Highway on Tuesday afternoon, authorities said.

The crash was reported at 12:08 p.m. and involved a maroon pickup truck and a Double Eagle tractor-trailer, according to California Highway Patrol logs. A sedan also may have been involved, but the circumstances of the crash are not yet known.

San Bernardino County Fire Department officials arrived within 10 minutes and found the tractor-trailer and pickup truck and collided head on. The tractor-trailer was reported to be hauling 26 tons of rock, and scanner traffic indicated that an unknown amount of diesel fuel had spilled onto the open desert.

According to County Fire Capt. Jeremy Kern, two persons were injured and one was dead on arrival. Further details on the severity of the injuries are not yet known, but one person was extricated from a vehicle and airlifted to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center for treatment, authorities said. The other was taken by ambulance to a local hospital.

According to Dayvon Ingram, his brother James Hendrix was the driver of the tractor-trailer. Ingram said Hendrix was taken to Barstow Community Hospital and was “in lot of pain, but would be OK.”

“The pickup truck tried to pass and ran into my brother,” Ingram said. “When my brother woke up and got out of his truck, the pickup was on fire for about 10 minutes. The camera on the truck recorded everything all the way up to the crash.”

The crash shut down National Trails Highway at Rodeo Drive just before 12:30 p.m. CHP traffic logs indicated the road would be shut down for an unknown amount of time.

This story is developing and more information will be updated as it is received.

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Fatal Crash Shuts Down National Trails Highway

Christie Martin, Victor Valley News

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(Photo courtesy of San Bernardino County Fire)



(Photo courtesy of San Bernardino County Fire)

HELENDALE:(VVNG.com)- A major damage traffic collision left one person dead and injured two others on Tuesday afternoon.

At around 12:11 p.m. officials from the California Highway Patrol and the **San Bernardino County Fire Department** were dispatched to a traffic collision on National Trails Highway and Rodeo Road.

The collision involved a Double Eagle semi-truck and a maroon-colored Chevy pickup truck that collided head-on. The semi-truck trailers were found to be empty and did not pose any hazard.

Per the California Highway Patrol incident logs, the reporting party told dispatchers that one vehicle was smashed and the semi-truck was “wrapped around a pole”.

San Bernardino County firefighters arrived on scene to find at least one occupant trapped in a vehicle requiring extrication. Firefighters used multiple hydraulic powered extrication tools to remove the vehicle from around the patient. It took rescuers approximately 10 minutes to extricate the victim.

According to officials, one patient was airlifted with serious injuries to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center and a second patient was transported by ground ambulance to a local hospital. No other injuries were reported as a result of the collision.

As of 2:40 PM, National Trails Highway is closed Between Bonanza Trail and Rodeo. The roadway is expected to remain closed for several hours while the Major Accident Investigation Team (MAIT) conducts the investigation. As an alternative route, motorist can use eastbound Bonanza Trail to Rodeo Road and turn left.

The cause of the collision remains under investigation by the CHP. Please check back later for more information as it becomes available.

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Lucerne Valley blaze quickly knocked down Monday

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LUCERNE VALLEY — Firefighters were able to quickly knock down a blaze at a home late Monday, authorities said.

Reports of a home in the 8800 block of Buena Vista Road were first received just before 11 p.m. Monday. **San Bernardino County Fire Department** officials arrived within minutes and found the home well involved with flames.

Fire crews engaged in a defensive attack to combat the flames. County Fire engineer Jeff Allen said the crews were assisted by two engines from Cal Fire and one from the Apple Valley Fire Protection District. A fire investigator was also requested.

The blaze was knocked down by 11:29 p.m. Monday, according to officials, with a total of 14 personnel responding. Allen said he did not have any more information on damages to the home, but no injuries were reported.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

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Pinon Hills erupts in flames Monday

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A firefighter at the scene of a structure fire in Pinion Hills. Brett Marks, Daily Press

PINON HILLS — A blaze that erupted at a home in Pinon Hills took firefighters about an hour to extinguish early Monday, authorities said.

The incident was first reported at around 12:45 a.m. Monday at a home in the 9000 block of Deer Haven Road. **San Bernardino County Fire Department** officials said firefighters arrived and found a double-wide mobile home well involved in flames.

Firefighters engaged in an attack mode to combat the blaze, which quickly spread over half of the home. County Fire officials reported on Twitter at 1:03 a.m. Monday that units had made good progress and secured a water supply. Cal Fire units assisted in combating the blaze, which was extinguished at 1:49 a.m.

No injuries were reported but Red Cross was requested to assist a resident who became displaced from the home.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

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House Fire Displaces Family of Seven and Four Dogs

Christie Martin, Victor Valley News

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PHELAN-(VVNG.com): A family of seven lost their home after a battery pack for an RC car caught fire early Sunday morning. At around 12:20 a.m. the **San Bernardino County Fire Department** responded to a residential structure fire on the 9300 block of Deer Haven Drive.

“My 7-year-old son and I were watching a movie in the living room,” said resident, Mandy Shoats. “I started to nod off and he woke me up to tell me the TV was smoking, I turned the TV off thinking it overheated [but] the smoke didn’t go away. Right after that, my husband came out of the master bedroom and said he smelled smoke so then looked toward the back part of the house and saw the fire in my step sons room.”

Shoats said her husband grabbed a large pan of water attempting to douse the growing fire. The fire was too big, so the family exited the home with their four dogs. Her husband Joe Shoats, trailed behind, the last to exit the home. Due to the heavy smoke and spreading fire, he had to crawl out of the home wearing no shoes or shirt.

When firefighters arrived they located the well-involved mobile home. They immediately attempted to locate a water supply, which was not readily available. Additional firefighters responded to the scene shortly after with a water tender and went into attack mode. The fire was reported to be out at extinguished at around 1:40 a.m.

“We have 3 other children but luckily they were gone,” said Shoats. “My sister and her husband came up and took the kids to their house in Devore.”

Shoats said that her family is now temporarily staying with their neighbor in their two-bedrooms mobile home. The community has reached out to help collect clothing and other needs for the family, who is grateful for the outpouring of support. “We kinda don’t have much room right now for many things, our family has bought us a few clothing items, toiletries, blankets, and pillows,” added Shoats.

The family was unable to retrieve anything from the home except the clothes they were wearing and Mandy Shoats was able to grab her purse. If anyone would like to help this family, who has been known to help the community in numerous ways they can donate to their Go Fund Me account.

The family is also able to receive donations to PayPal account mandyshoats@yahoo.com or sent it to 4208 Phelan Road Phelan Ca. 92371.

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